

NEWARK PRE-SCHOOL COUNCIL, INC.
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SUMMARY OF PROGRAM YEAR "C" CUTS
MARCH 20, 1968

TOTAL REDUCTION: 39.1% OR \$791,916+
INITIAL 25% \$471,000
PENDING 14.1% \$320,916

82,279,000 - NA
220
\$1,959,000

1. Children and families served reduced by 853
Initial 25% cut: 2,404 to 1,800 children=800 child reduction.
Pending 14.1% cut: 1,800 to 1,547 children=253 child reduction.
(Divide per child cost of \$1,265 by \$320,916)
2. Jobs reduced by 118.
Initial 25% cut: 42 (32 positions @ \$6,000 or less)
Pending 14.1% cut: 76 (74 positions @ \$6,000 or less)
Ninety-one (106) of these jobs were for community people. All of the present seventy-six (76) positions are currently filled. These people will have to be terminated.
3. Maintenance of an inadequate food allotment. The current allotment of 45¢ per meal does not cover the cost of milk, snacks and disposable eating supplies. The 25% cut eliminated the possible source of obtaining funds for these items. The actual cost of providing the hot meal and snack as required by Headstart guidelines is 65¢ (not including staff charges)
4. In 1965, we were funded for 120 teaching teams to serve 3,600 children*
 - In 1968, the 39.1% cuts would fund us for 60 teaching teams to serve 1,550 children
 - The net loss in jobs for community people exceeds 150 in three years
 - The net loss in services in three years to the children and their families has been 2,100 places for childrenThe program has been cut over 50% in three years.

*The actual program provided 92 teaching teams serving 2,572 children. This was due primarily to the difficulty in acquiring adequate space free of cost to us. This problem has been largely eliminated since reimbursement to facilities sponsors is now available.

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ENROLLMENT SEPTEMBER, 1967 - FEBRUARY, 1968

September - 1,576

October - 2,039

November - 2,130

64 Half-Day Centers

December - 2,200

9 Full-Day Centers

73 Centers

January - 2,172

Or

February - 2,229

85 Classrooms (Teaching Teams)

Withdrawals 169

We have actually served 2,398 children since September, 1967. The program year "C" application was due in Regional OEO on November 15, 1967. It was at that time that we had to implement a 25% cut in our application which reduced the number of children to be served from 2,404 to 1,800.

The quota of 2,404 children was quickly being reached but we decided to discontinue our phasing in of the last seven (7) classes funded in program year "B". Thus, we maintained our classes at 85 in order to avoid a layoff of teaching staff in February, 1968.

These seven (7) classes that could not be phased in would have helped to accommodate some of the 500 eligible children who are now on waiting lists.